

How will you be warned during a disaster?

Emergency services in Teton County will use sirens, public address systems on emergency vehicles, broadcast television and commercial radio to warn citizens of impending disasters or to give instructions following a disaster. These methods won't reach everyone, however.

Having a NOAA All-Hazards Weather Radio in your home and workplace ensures that you and your family receive timely information regarding not only weather-related hazards, but any information that needs to get out to the public quickly during an emergency.

Contact Teton County Emergency Management for questions regarding the use of NOAA All-Hazards Weather Radio.



Midland brand WR-100 NOAA All-Hazards Weather Radio



Websites:

Teton County Emergency Management
www.tetonwyo.org/em

NOAA
www.noaa.gov

National Weather Service Riverton
www.weather.gov/riverton

NOAA All-Hazards Weather Radio
www.weather.gov/riverton/nwr/



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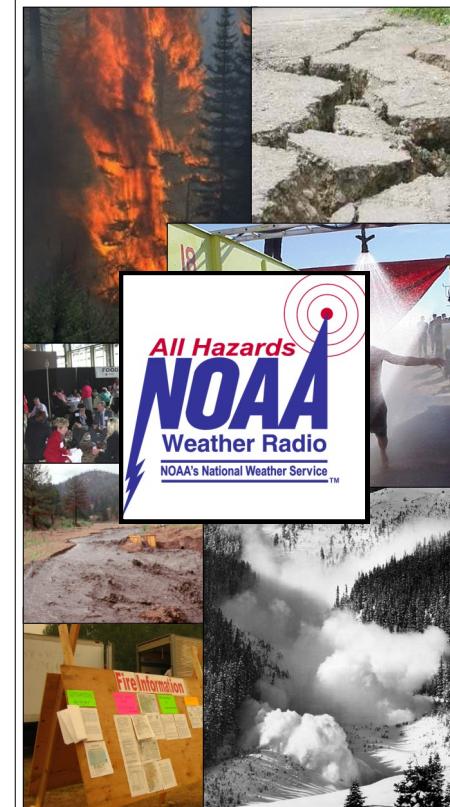
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What are NOAA and the NWS?



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is part of the U.S. Department of Commerce. From daily weather forecasts, severe storm warnings and climate monitoring

to fisheries management, coastal restoration and supporting marine commerce, NOAA's products and services support economic vitality and affect more than one-third of America's gross domestic product. NOAA's dedicated scientists use cutting-edge research and high-tech instrumentation to provide citizens, planners, emergency managers and other decision makers with reliable information they need when they need it.

Within NOAA is the National Weather Service (NWS). The mission statement of the National Weather Service is:



"The National Weather Service (NWS) provides weather, hydrologic, and climate forecasts and warnings for the United States, its territories, adjacent waters and ocean areas, for the protection of life and property and the enhancement of the national economy. NWS data and products form a national information database and infrastructure which can be used by other governmental agencies, the private sector, the public, and the global community."

A Mission to Protect Life and Property

As part of the NWS mission, protection of life and property are key. One way the NWS carries out this mission is through weather forecasts and weather safety information. This information, however, is useless unless it gets out to the people who need it the most: the general public.

NOAA All-Hazards Weather Radio

This is where the NOAA All-Hazards Weather Radio (NWR) comes in.

NOAA All-Hazards Weather Radio is a nationwide network of radio stations broadcasting continuous weather information directly from the nearest

National Weather Service office. NWR broadcasts official Weather Service warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Working with the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) Emergency Alert System (EAS), NWR is an "All Hazards" radio network, making it your single source for comprehensive weather and emergency information. In conjunction with Federal, State, and Local Emergency Managers and other public officials, NWR also broadcasts warning and post-event information for all types of hazards – including natural (such as **earthquakes** or **avalanches**), environmental (such as **chemical releases** or **oil spills**), and public safety (such as **AMBER alerts** or **911 telephone outages**).



Tornado south of Cheyenne Airport in Cheyenne, WY on July 16th, 1979. Photographer unknown.

NWR in Teton County, WY

NWR in Teton County is broadcast from a repeater at the top of Snow King Mountain on 162.525 MHz. On most NOAA Weather / All-Hazards Radios this is channel 6, but consult your owner's manual. The broadcasts are fed to that repeater from our local NWS office in Riverton, WY. Teton County Emergency Management works closely with the NWS office in Riverton to ensure that warnings get out to the public using NWR when necessary.

Even if you listen to local radio and watch local television throughout the day, they generally only broadcast very serious weather or hazard alerts. Having a NWR ensures that you receive every alert issued for Teton County. This allows you to decide if the alert is applicable to you and your family.

Which NWR is Right For Me?

Make sure that the radio you purchase has the Public Alert logo on the package. This means that the radio has been approved by the NWS and the Consumer Electronics Association for having certain features and meeting specific standards. Also ensure that the radio has battery backup in the event of power outages.



Public Alert logo

Most importantly, make sure that the radio has an "alert" function. This will keep the radio silent until an emergency tone is sent out to alert you of a hazard.



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